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Inventors:

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PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON

CONTAINING FORMATION

WITH A SELECTED

HYDROGEN TO CARBON

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, such extension allowing the undersigned until May 14, 2003 to respond (four months from the date of the Office Action). If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time.

A fee authorization is enclosed authorizing \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time

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